

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

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JOSHUA THOMAS,

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

LA CROSSE COUNTY and JUDGE HORNE,

Case No. 25-cv-478-jdp

Defendants.

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Plaintiff Joshua Thomas has filed a proposed civil complaint. Plaintiff seeks to commence this lawsuit without prepayment of the filing fee pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. From the affidavit of indigency plaintiff has submitted, I find that plaintiff is unable to prepay the fees and costs of commencing this action or to give security therefor.

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff Joshua Thomas's petition for leave to proceed without prepayment of fees is GRANTED.
2. No further action will be taken in this case until the court has screened the complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to determine whether the case must be dismissed because the complaint is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. Once the screening process is complete, a separate order will issue.

Entered this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

ANDREW R. WISEMAN  
United States Magistrate Judge